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35 North Arroyo Parkway Pasadena, California 91103 September 10, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-138 without prejudice to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuation application to be filed in the future.